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STEAM TO LONDON FROM KURRACHEE, CALLING AT ADEN, HODEIDA, JEDDAH, ALGIERS, AND LISBON.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited) will despatch the s. s. PATNA, 1780 Tons, 200 H. P., Commander J.E. Wemyss, as above from Kurrachee, on SATURDAY, the 13th January 1877.

The Patna is fitted in the usual style of the Company's vessels, and has excellent accommodation for 31 First-class Passengers and 12 Second-class.

The Steamers leaving Bombay on FRIDAY, the 5th January and on MONDAY, the 8th idem, for Kurrachee, can carry forward Cargo and Passengers for transfer to the Patna.

For Freight or Passage apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 20th December 1876.

WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract with Government, will despatch the s. s. ARABIA, 1,086 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander Allen, on SATURDAY, the 30th December 1876, at 4 P.M., calling at Mangalore, Vingorla, Goa, Carwar, Mangalore, Cannanore, Tellicherry, Calicut, Beypore, Cochin, Alleppey, Tuticorin, Negapatam, Madras, Coconada, Vizagapatam, Chittapatam, Calingapatam, Gopalore, False Point and at any other place where inducement offers.

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked fortnightly by the steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Steamers of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes de la France which run regularly.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

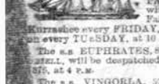
WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, VIA KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch the s. s. EUPHRATES 803 Tons, 130 H.P., Commander J. L. Shell, on SATURDAY, the 30th December 1876, at 4 P.M., for the PERSIAN GULF, touching at KURRACHEE, MUSCAT BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, BUSREH, and occasionally at BAHREIN and MAHOMERAH.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

BI-WEEKLY STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.



THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will, during the Fair Season, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY, at 4 P.M., and an Extra Steamer on every TUESDAY, at 10 A.M.

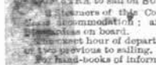
The s.s. EUPHRATES, 803 Tons, 130 H. P., Commander J. L. SHELL, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 30th December 1876, at 4 P.M.

The s.s. VINGORLA, 972 Tons, 150 H. P., Commander N. Mackenzie, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 2nd January 1877, at 10 A.M., calling at Veraval, Pore Bunder, Mangrole and Cutch Mandvie.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY VIA SUEZ CANAL.



ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA and BOMBAY on the 24th, and on the 1st of each month.

PASSENGERS' RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	£22	£15	£6	Without Food.
Suez	36	22	8	
Port Said	38	24	9	
Messina	50	34	14	
Naples	50	34	14	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14-10	
Marseilles	52	35	14-10	

Including Wine.

Children under 3 years—free of charge. Children not above 7 years—half fare.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY:—

SUMATRA to sail on MONDAY, 1st January 1877.
ASSYRIA to sail on MONDAY, 16th January 1877.
RATNAGIRI to sail on THURSDAY, 1st February 1877.
ITALIA to sail on THURSDAY, 1st March 1877.
INDUS, to sail on THURSDAY, 15th March 1877.
SUMATRA to sail on SUNDAY, 1st April 1877.

The Steamers of this Company have large First and Second Class Accommodation; they always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.

The correct hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c., apply to

C. GRONDONA,
Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,
No. 9, Hummum Street.

Bombay, 20th December 1876.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamer POLLUCE, 2,700 Tons, and 250 H.P., will be despatched from BOMBAY to TRIESTE on the 10th January 1877.

Rates of Passage-money (exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board at moderate prices) as under:—

To Trieste	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
	Rs. 350	Rs. 250	Rs. 180 0
Do. Port Said	" 227	" 165	" 131 0
Do. Aden	" 200	" 140	" 122 8
Do. Galle	" 170	" 130	" 66 0

The Steamer carries Surgeon and Stewardess and has superior accommodation for 1st and 2nd class passengers.

Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company intend to despatch Steamers from Bombay to Trieste on the following dates:—

Thursday, the 25th February 1877.
Do. do. 25th " "
Do. do. 31st " "
Do. do. 10th " "
Do. do. 16th " "

For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to the Agents of the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

JOSEPH JANNI, Agent.

Bombay, 22nd December 1876.

NOTICE.

MAIL LINE OF STEAMERS.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per S.S. CHI[NDWARA] are hereby informed of the Steamer's arrival this day in the HARBOUR, and are requested to PRESENT their BILLS OF LADING, accompanied by DELIVERY ORDERS, for WHARF DELIVERY of their respective GOODS without delay.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

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These works we execute all kinds of [illegible]

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SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other first-class Vessels will be despatched for EUROPE:—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	Jan. 1877.
SIAM	3099	500	N.W. Haselwood.	1st—Southampton.
AVOCA	1482	250	E. G. Stead	8th—Suez, &c.
GWALIOR	2725	450	J. C. Babot	15th—Southampton.
MALWA	2933	450	P. S. Tomlin	22nd—Suez, &c.
TIBET	2503	400	N. Stewart	29th—Southampton.
				Feb. 1877.
NIZAM	2725	450	A. E. Barlow	5th—Suez, &c.
SURAT	3141	539	G. C. Burne	12th—Southampton.
SUMATRA	2468	450	C. Anderson	19th—Suez, &c.
TEHERAN	2589	400	A. H. Johnson.	26th—Southampton.
				Mar. 1877.
CATHAY	2982	450	R. J. Dundas	5th—Suez, &c.
PEKIN	3777	600	W. Woolcott	12th—Southampton.
VENETIA	2746	450	E. Ashdown	19th—Suez, &c.
MONGOLIA	2833	550	A. Coleman	26th—Southampton.

Passengers are booked to Malta, Gibraltar, and Southampton by every Mail. The Southampton Steamers proceed to that port direct; but by the alternate Steamers Passengers change vessels at Suez.

Passengers to Brindisi, Ancona, and Venice are carried by every Steamer, but proceed by rail from Suez to Alexandria.

Heavy Baggage must be sent to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon, at 3 P.M. precisely, on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 2nd December 1876.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On TUESDAY, the 9th Jany. 1877, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S.S. ZAMBESI, (2,431 Tons and 370 H. P.), Captain A. Symons, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of Opium, the Officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before Noon, on SATURDAY, the 6th Jany. 1877.

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Superintendent.

Bombay, 2nd December 1876.

ANCHOR LINE—INDIAN SERVICE.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE following or other First Class Steamers of the ANCHOR LINE will sail from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL to PORT SAID, SUEZ and BOMBAY, and from BOMBAY SUEZ, PORT SAID, GIBRALTAR, and LIVERPOOL:—

Vessels.	Commanders.	Tons.	H.P.	From Liverpool.	From Bombay.
					1877.
EUROPA	Jas. Harris	2277	424	18th Nov.	3rd Jan.
INDIA	Geo. Reed	2299	500	23rd Dec.	7th Feb.
MACEDONIA	Jas. Laird	2272	480	6th Jan.	21st Feb.

And regularly thereafter, further sailings being arranged according to the requirements of the trade.

All the Steamers of this Line carry a SURGEON and a STEWARDESS, and have superior First-class accommodation fitted with every convenience.

Passengers and Cargo booked through to New York in connection with the Anchor Line Trans-Atlantic Service.

FARES FROM BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.

FIRST CLASS ..... Rs. 500

A reduction of 15 per cent. will be given on Return Passages to all who re-embark by Anchor Line Steamers within twelve months of time of landing.

For Passage, Freight, &c., apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

N.B.—If sufficient inducement offers the Steamers of this Line will make Naples a regular port of call.

HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.
(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)

The following fine powerful Steamers will sail from Bombay as under:—

	From Liverpool.	From Bombay.
S.S. CHILDWALL HALL	28th Nov.	10th January.
" TRENTHAM HALL	16th Dec.	24th January.
" BRANKSOME HALL	13th Jan.	28th February

THESE Steamers have been especially built for the Bombay Trade, and have already become known for their speed. The Saloon and Cabins are handsomely got up, and a Surgeon and Stewardess are carried by all the Steamers of the Line.

FARES FROM BOMBAY.

First Class.

TO LIVERPOOL ..... Rs. 500

For Rates of Passage Money and for any further particulars apply to

N. B.—These steamers invariably sail punctually.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 30th September 1876.

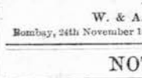
SPECIAL NOTICE.

ANCHOR LINE.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL

VIA

NAPLES.



THE (S. S.) INDIA, Captain Geo. Read, sailing on the 7th February, and all the following steamers of this Line will call at Naples, till further notice.

FARES, BOMBAY TO NAPLES.

First Class.... Rs. 400.

Passengers' heavy baggage will be taken on to Liverpool without any Extra Charge and will, if required, be forwarded thence to any part of the United Kingdom or America by the agents at Liverpool.

For Passage, Freight or any other particulars Apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 24th November 1876.

NOTICES.

DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA—The best remedy for ACIDITY OF THE STOMACH, HEARTBURN, HEADACHE, GOUT AND INDIGESTION, and the best mild aperient for delicate constitutions, Ladies, Children, and Infants, and for *regular* use in Warm Climates.

DINNEFORD & Co.,
CHEMISTS, LONDON,
And of Druggists and Storekeeper throughout the World.

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Agents—TREACHER & Co., Bombay.

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Chemists and Storekeepers throughout the World.

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IMPROVED PATENT SEIDLITZ POWDER
For immediately producing Seidlitz Water without the slightest trouble.

It differs from the Seidlitz Powders usually sold, in having all the ingredients in one bottle, is quite *tasteless*, and may be taken by *persons of all ages as a cooling beverage, mild aperient*, or *brisk purgative*, according to dose. In all cases of *Sickness, Headache, &c.*, it is found to be invaluable, as also for *Bilious attacks*; and by its general purifying and cooling effect upon the Blood, may be considered as a great preventive of the majority of the ailments of life. For these reasons it is an indispensable necessary to every family, traveller, or emigrant.

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EPPS'S COCOA.

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Made simply with boiling water or milk.

Sold in tinned packets and in soldered tins—soldered tins, 1 lb. and 1 lb., are always to be preferred for export. Each Packet or tin must be labelled thus:—

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Works:—Euston Road and Camden Town, London.
Makers of Epps's Glycerine Jujubes (throat [illegible]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FORT THEATRE.

STAR COMPANY.

TO-DAY, SATURDAY, 30TH DECEMBER.

COMEDY AND BURLESQUE.

FIRST TIME

By this Company of the Petite Comedy,

WHO SPEAKS FIRST?

Revival of the Favorite Burlesque,

LUCRETIA BORGIA!

INTRODUCTIONS.

"Come live with me and be my love" ..... (Ballad) ..... Miss Minnie Williams.
Highland Fling ..... Miss Flora Ford and Miss Ada Ford.
Irish Jig ..... Miss Ada Ford.
"She's all that I desire" (Song & Dance) Miss Flora Ford.

PRICES AS USUAL.

STEAM TO ADEN, SUEZ, AND THE WEST EARN PORTS OF ITALY.
(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)

NOTICE.—The Italian Mail Steamer SUMATRA, Captain Cobbaba, will sail as above on MONDAY, the 1st January, at 10 A.M. precisely.

Passengers are requested to be on board at 9 A.M.

C. GRONDONA.
Agent, Rubattino S. N. Company.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the BOMBAY CLUB will be held on TUESDAY, the 30th January 1877, at 5-30 P.M.

J. WESTALL, Hony. Secy.

Bombay Club, 29th December 1876.

WANTED, a QUALIFIED DRAFTSMAN for Temporary employment on the Shalapur Collectorate. Applications should be accompanied by Testimonials of qualifications

Pay at the rate of Rs. 40 per mensem. Apply to

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION, SHOLAPUR.

BOMBAY TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.—To view the ILLUMINATIONS on MONDAY EVENING SPECIAL TRAMWAY CARS can be engaged on application at the Company's Offices. Cars will proceed via Town Hall and Market, returning *viâ* Kennedy Road and Rampart Row. Price for Open Cars, seating 40 Passengers, Rs. 20: Closed Cars, seating 24, Rs. 15, for the round trip.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

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CARTES-DE-VISITE, Rs. 10 PER DOZ.

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SCOTTISH FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The Undersigned as AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to issue POLICIES of INSURANCE on Warehouses, Mills, Merchandise and other Property in Bombay and the neighbourhood on FAVOURABLE TERMS.

C. MACDONALD & Co.

Victoria Buildings, Bombay.

THE ALBERT MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at its Registered Office, No. 5, Morsby Row, Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 6th of January 1877, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of passing the following Resolution:—

That Messrs. Lalbhoy Dulputbhoy and Co., of Bombay, as that firm is at present constituted or as it may be constituted hereafter from time to time, shall be appointed Secretaries and Agents in place of Messrs C. and F. Dinshawjee, and that Article 65 of the Articles of Association be rescinded, and that 65 of the said Articles of Association to henceforth as follows:—

65.—Messrs. Lalbhoy Dulputbhoy and Co., as that firm is at present constituted or as it may be constituted hereafter from time to time, shall be the Secretaries and Agents of the Company, and shall have under the control and supervision of the Directors full power and authority to give such orders and directions and enter into such contracts and agreements as they may think proper for the necessary and ordinary purposes of the business of the Company, and that their remuneration shall be a commission of one-quarter anna per lb. on all goods manufactured and sold by the Company.

By Order of the Board,

C. & F. DINSHAWJEE.
Agents.

Bombay, 28th December 1876.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

COLABA SIDINGS.

Notice is hereby given, that on and after MONDAY, the FIRST of JANUARY next, until further notice, COTTON brought by this Railway into Bombay can, if desired by the Senders, be conveyed direct to this Company's Sidings at Colaba, and that Cotton and other traffic can also be booked to or from the Sidings of the Sassoon Dock Company at Colaba and to or from the Sidings of the New Colaba Company at Colaba.

2. On account of the longer distances over which such Cotton and other traffic will be conveyed by Railway, an Extra Charge of ONE PIE per MAUND will be made in addition to the usual charges now made for Cotton and other traffic conveyed by this Railway to or from Bombay.

3. Consignees are reminded that the Railway Company do not now undertake the delivery of Cotton or of any other traffic conveyed by this Railway, and that they, the Consignees, must therefore make their own arrangements to take delivery at the Sidings.

4. A Wharfage Charge of FOUR ANNAS PER MAUND for EACH DAY will be made upon all Cotton which is not removed from the Railway Company's Sidings at Colaba, within twenty-four hours after arrival.

5. Senders should state on the Consignment Note that Cotton, intended for the Railway Company's Sidings at Colaba, is to be sent to those Sidings, and also that Cotton or other traffic intended for the Sidings of the Sassoon Dock Company and of the New Colaba Company is to be sent to those Sidings respectively; and Cotton or other traffic not so definitely ordered to the respective Company's Sidings at Colaba will, as heretofore, be brought to Bombay.

6. Cotton and other traffic sent to or from the Sidings of the Sassoon Dock Company at Colaba and to or from the Sidings of the New Colaba Company at Colaba will be subject to all the Rules and Regulations, and will be liable to the payment to those Companies respectively of all the Rates and Charges which may from time to time be made by the Sassoon Dock Company and by the New Colaba Company respectively.

HENRY CONDER,
General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 29th December 1876.

HYDRABAD INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

IT is PROPOSED to ESTABLISH a SCHOOL of INDUSTRY for the Province of SIND at HYDERABAD. The object of this School is to give to youths a thorough education in the various branches of industry, and to accomplish this object it is intended to admit pupils for a certain fixed time during which they will be instructed in Smithery, Carpentry, and Pottery by skilled and professional teachers. To these departments of industry, I hope after some time to add Engine-fitting and a knowledge of Machinery. During the pupils' residence in the school their work will of course be sold for the benefit of the Institution, and when they have arrived at a certain degree of proficiency, they will on leaving the school be presented with a set of tools. In this manner it is hoped that a higher ideal of workmanlike excellence will gradually be introduced into every village in Sind. The utility of such an Institution as a School of Industry can hardly be doubted by any one who has observed the wretched workmanship, and primitive tools,—tools such as Arrian might have witnessed more than Two Thousand years ago—which are usually met with in Sind, and it may be remarked that this is almost the only Province in India in which no measures have yet been taken to elevate the low standard of industrial excellence.

To provide for the cost of founding the school it is proposed to raise the sum of Rs. 4,000 by private donations, which, with an equivalent sum which Government will be asked to contribute, will be sufficient to meet the outlay necessary for erecting buildings, buying plant, and other initial expenses. Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Undersigned, or can be paid into the Karrachee Branch of the Bank of Bombay to the credit of the Hydrabad Industrial School Fund.

T. HART DAVIES,
Educational Inspector in Sind.

Kurrachee, 23rd October 1876.

The following sums have been already contributed:—

Sir W. L. Merewether	Rs. 200
E. M. H. Fulton, C.S.	100
Parsonnull Khatchund	100
Mir Hassan Ali Khan	100
Sett Atmaram	100
T. Hart-Davies, C.S.	500
Dayaram Khemchund	70
Mir Gul Hussan	50
Nawutrai Shekrim	51
Keshow Bapajee	50
Row Saheb Bijasing (Sub-Judge)	50
Messrs. Dayaram and Udharam	50
Smaller sums collected at Hydrabad and Kurrachee.	520

PRICE LIST of WINES, &c., FOR SALE at the Godowns of the Undersigned:—

CLARETS.

From H. and C. Balaresque, Bordeaux—

Chateau de Frands	Rs. 14	per doz. Qts.
Les Cannes	" 18	"
Chateau Leoville	" 24	"
Chateau Lafitte	" 28	"

HOCKS.

From G. M. Parsemann Son, Mayence, Purveyor to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Deidesheimer	Rs. 17	per doz. Qts.
Geisenheimer	" 18	"
Liebfraumilch	" 22	"
Radesheimer	"	"
Queen Victoria Berg	"	"
Carte Blanche	"	"
Flowery Hock	"	"

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THROUGH TRAIN BETWEEN CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY.

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Rates of Passage-money from Bombay.

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Export Tariff.
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"THE favourable reception given to the First Edition of this Guide by the Press and the Public has encouraged me to revise the book thoroughly and make it worthier of the good name it has won. Considerable additions have been made to the First Part, more particularly in the Historical and Descriptive chapters; and the whole of the Second Part has been completely recast. A friendly critic having remarked that the Guide contained no information on a point which chiefly interests visitors to Bombay, namely, how they are to get out of it, I have inserted in this Edition tables showing the proposed movements of the mail steamers for the year 1877, and the through services by rail between Bombay and other places in India. A good index is now prefixed to each Part of the Guide; and I trust that I have succeeded in making the book much more valuable as a work of reference, without greatly increasing its bulk.

"I must again offer my acknowledgments to numerous friends for help which has materially lightened my labours.

"Besides the authorities quoted in the First Edition, I should mention two books to which I am indebted for some interesting details of the history of Bombay during and shortly after the Portuguese occupation—Laltieu's *Histoire des Découvertes et Conquêtes des Portugais* and an anonymous *Description of the Fort and Island of Bombay*, published at London in 1724.

"J. M. MACLEAN.

"*Bombay Gazette* Office, Bombay, Dec. 26, 1876."

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 27.

Drew, Lieut., Bombay 55th Regt., on leave, from Deolalee.

DECEMBER 28.

[illegible], Capt., Bombay R. A., on leave, from Kirkee.
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DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 25.

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METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

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BOMBAY, 28th Dec. 1876

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m. 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah	29·957
Temperature of the Air	78·3
Wet Bulb Thermometer	70·1
Dew Point	66·2
Relative humidity of Air	·671
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=8).	0·3
Maximum temperature of air (read at 6 p.m.)	86·2
Minimum do. do. (read at 9-30 a.m.)	71·2
General Direction of wind E, ENE, NE, WNW, NW, NNW N.	
Movement of wind in 24 hours	239

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L.—You are rather late in your remarks about the Viceroy's Levee that some people were there who should have stopped away. No harm, however, seems to have been done.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

MARRIAGE.

PHELPS—YARDLEY—December 27th, at St. Thomas's Cathedral, Bombay, by the Rev. Mr Lewis, William E. Phelps, Magazine Serjeant, Ordnance Department, to Alice Yardley, eldest daughter of G. Yardley, Esq., Civil Master Armourer, Ordnance Department.

DEATH.

JOLLEY—December 27th, at 39, Meadow Street, Fort, Arthur David, eldest son of Mr. D. Jolley, Harbour Master, Bombay, (of fever of 48 hours' duration), aged 18 years, 8 months and 10 days.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BRUCE—December 25th, at 3, Upperwood Street, the wife of W. Duff Bruce, C. E., of a daughter.

FRANKLIN—December 19th, at Lucknow, the wife of Surgeon R. Franklin, Superintendent, Central Prison, of a daughter.

WATKINS—December 22nd, at Ahhabad, the wife of Mr. F. Watkins, E. I. R., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

FINDON—ENGLEY—December 23rd, at St. John's Church, Calcutta, by the Revd. W. H. Reay, Mr. Harry Findon, E. I. Railway, Asansole, to Miss Elliott Ann Engley, only daughter of the late Mr. Engley, of the E. I. Railway, Asansole.

MEIN—RYDE—December 23rd, at St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, by the Revd. F. W. Robberds, Archibald Jerdon Mein, Forest Department, Assam, to Marion Isabella, eldest daughter of the late Revd. J. G. Ryde, M. A., of St. John's College, Oxford, and Incumbent of Trinity Church, Melrose, Scotland.

DEATH.

HOWARD—December 24th, at Dum-Dum, Margaret Emily, relict of the late Robert Charles Howard, aged 57 years.

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The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1876.

THE telegrams from Constantinople, which have reached India during the last three or four days, have not tended to raise the opinion which Englishmen resident in India like to entertain of the statesmen at home whose business it is to guide the fortunes of the British nation. Just at the moment when a distinctive policy had apparently been determined upon by the English Ministry, and when we were looking forward to the declaration which Lord Salisbury was expected to make that England intended to uphold the integrity of the Turkish Empire and to prevent, therefore, the occupation of Bulgaria by foreign troops, the announcement is made that all the Powers, with England at their head, have agreed to insist upon Turkey permitting "foreign gendarmes" to "protect a mixed International Commission" which is to ensure the carrying out of measures of reform in the Christian provinces of Turkey which the Sultan's Government is not believed to be strong enough itself to enforce. The abandonment of their policy by the English Ministry will be a more difficult matter for Lord Salisbury or Lord Beaconsfield to explain than the abandonment of Turkey to the designs of Russia, the power which has been throughout striving for the dismemberment of the Turkish Empire. Mr. Gladstone and his friends have, apparently, had sufficient influence to frighten Lord Beaconsfield's Ministry into a change of their foreign policy, if we are to suppose that any policy had been really fixed upon by the Ministry before Lord Salisbury left to join the Conference at Constantinople. The position that England will occupy, supposing that Turkey consents to all the proposals of the Conference, is one that will be regarded by Russia with great satisfaction, and even amusement. To have so completely and so easily persuaded England, as General Ignatieff has done, to fall in with Russia's views of the situation is a triumph of Russian diplomacy, of which that ambitious Power may well be proud. The next step that England intends to take will be watched with as much eagerness as ever, for the difficulties of the situation are really aggravated rather than modified by what has just happened. The policy of Russia has not been abandoned and she will be able to push her influence in the Turkish provinces more effectually under the protection of the "foreign gendarmes" than heretofore, whilst the power of the Sultan in that part of his dominions will diminish every year till it will cease to be recognised in any way. Insurrections on the borders of these "protected" provinces will easily be fomented by Russian agents, and the ultimate destruction of the power of Turkey in Europe can be as easily produced as the dismemberment of the Turkish Empire has been already encompassed. Does England intend to quietly look on whilst Russia moves slowly but surely on Constantinople? Will England make no effort to maintain the remnants of the power of the Turk in Europe? Or will she take the "protection" of Constantinople into her own hands? It has been recently remarked that England once had the opportunity of making Turkey a second Indian Empire; that policy may perhaps be in contemplation now, but at the present moment we have nothing to assure us that any well defined action for the future has been adopted. When the Crimean War was over the influence that England possessed in Turkey was sufficient, if it had been properly used, to establish a protectorate similar to that which the Government of India exercises over the Princes of India. That opportunity was, however, not embraced, nor does there seem to be any desire [illegible] English Ministry to gain [illegible] Constantinople than new order of events really is, there is some reason to fear that the intention of the English Ministry is to act with Russia in the settling of the Eastern Question with, perhaps, the mental reservation that in this way the influence of England will be maintained equally well as by entering on an expensive war with the object of destroying Russian influence altogether. The result of acting in this way will be, however, only to postpone the conflict which must take place at some future time, whatever else may happen. The Sultan will be compelled to use his best endeavours to keep together the remnants of his Empire, if he now accepts all the proposals of the Conference and cannot make better terms with the European Powers; but English influence at Constantinople will have been lost, for the Sultan can never look again on England as his true friend, seeing that she has deserted him in the hour of need, and may, for aught he can tell, be the first to lay hands on Constantinople. A good deal has been said—and, doubtless, with some truth—that the misgovernment of the Turk has brought about the disasters which threaten to ruin the Turkish Empire. But can Russia govern the Christians better than the Turks have? The condition of the Russian people is not such as to make even the Christian subjects of Turkey anxious to change their masters. The Russian Government is as near bankruptcy as the Turkish, and the political parties in Russia are secret associations whose principles are revolutionary and anarchical; and, moreover, the way in which the unhappy Poles have been treated, may be regarded as a warning of the fate which might overwhelm the Christians whom Russia pretends now to be so anxious to take care of. From whatever point of view we regard the new policy which the English Ministry appears to have adopted, there are few grounds for congratulation; but, on the contrary, many sound reasons for thinking that the bolder and better course that was at one time resolved upon has been irresolutely abandoned.

IT must strike all who have any knowledge of the incidence of taxation in this country that where imposts should fall lightly they fall heavily, and the classes which contribute lightly, or not at all, are those very classes which, from their position, rank, and income, should be required to pay most extensively to the charges of the State. It is from the agriculture of the country, by direct taxation on land, that we derive our main revenue, and every [illegible] Now, of all classes of our Indian subjects the cultivator is the being whose finances stand in the most impoverished condition, and yet he suffers far and away more from taxation than any other class. He pays a direct impost like the above, but he has also to pay for the raiment he wears even, and for the food he consumes over and above the produce of his own labours, and all this while that human parasite the Bunia, the native trader, who seeks vitality from exertions which are not his own, and practises imposition and deceit in every village in these dominions, and feeds on the abject and illiterate ignorance of his victims, and amasses hoards and decks his wives and daughters in jewels of gold and silver, evades entirely the contribution out of his own pocket of a single cent to the revenues of the State. We use the word evades advisedly, because there are indirect taxes which he ought to pay—for example, for the salt he eats and the garments he wears, but which he does not pay out of his own pocket, for he makes others do it for him. If his own personal consumption of a purchase cost him one rupee extra on account of the Government impost, every single *sou* is recovered in its sale. Quite right, some will say, but it is just the contrary. All these commodities that are taxed in India are, in the main, absolute necessities to the agricultural population, who are the chief purchasers. They must have them. So that it comes to this—these poor devils of ryots have to pay heavy direct taxes, and also indirect taxes, not only for themselves but for a horde of profligate Banias also.

Almost the entire agricultural produce of the country passes through the hands of Banias, and they realise every season the most enormous profits. Now it might be supposed that the producer of all this wealth,—viz. the ryot, shares to a large extent in these profits. [illegible] while, it is just what he does not do, and exactly where the Bunia hoodwinks and imposes on him. What does an innocent ryot know of markets for goods beyond a limited area all round him? Can he read, or what sources of information has he to learn that the market value of goods which he can produce is, 100 miles off, three times as much as he can get in his own district, and that therefore he is getting much less than he ought to get? No; he gets the prices from the village Banias that have probably prevailed for a generation or two, and no more. Whilst grain is selling at five seers for the rupee in the Deccan, the Guzerat Bunia, as the probabilities are, is storing it at as many maunds for the same sum, all for his own advantage and a fig for the ryot. If the accumulated wealth of this class could be exposed to the light of day it would amaze our astonished legislators and financiers to see what mines of riches had lain fallow and idle which might have been usefully employed for the public welfare. And what would be fairer or more justifiable than to demand from a class which lives on the public a contribution towards the public good?

It is surely a peculiar system of taxation which compels the poorest of the population to pay not only what the better off pay in common with himself, but shoves on his devoted head a still greater burden in the shape of a direct impost from which the richer are completely exempt. We believe that there is a sound law of political economy which requires every man in a State to pay in proportion to his means. The wealthy usually pay most, the poor less, and the indigent nothing. But the order of this law is reversed and turned upside down in India through some curious freak, and, we would like to know, why? If every cultivator pays, say, twenty rupees of direct taxes, which is only another name for the assessment levied, then it would not be too much for every Bunia to pay ten times that sum. Almost all native society is divided into three main sections—the agricultural, the trading, and the artizan; and the trading section, far disproportionate in numbers though they be, would, in point of resource, absorb 100 times over the other sections put together. Then, will anybody say they ought not to share in just ratio all the public charge for the blessings of good government, under which they so largely benefit. We are always hearing the groans of impecuniosity and complaints of the cheese-paring economy which has long since become a distinguished feature in Oriental finance; but here are fruits which only require plucking; here is a milch cow dying for want of suck.

PROCLAMATION DAY.

THE event which we are called upon to celebrate on Monday next is one which affords the native gentlemen of Bombay an admirable opportunity of displaying their loyalty to the English Raj, and it is with pleasure we note that several of them are already making extensive preparations with a view to honouring the occasion in a becoming manner. Foremost among these gentlemen is Mr. Bhugwandass Purshotumdass, whose house on the Kalbadevie road attracted so much attention during the festivities attendant upon the recent visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. On the present occasion Mr. Bhugwandass, who is well-known as an advocate of reform and a well-wisher of Her Majesty's throne, intends to decorate and illuminate his house in a style similar to that which he then adopted. Over each of the gates of his compound a transparency will be erected, one exhibiting a portrait of Her Majesty the Empress, with Bania ladies placing a garland round her neck, and the other showing a group of Hindoos kneeling and fixing garlands on Her Majesty's wrists. We have not space to detail all Mr. Bhugwandass's decorations to day, but will do so in a future issue.

The good example which he has thus shown ought to be followed at once by the many native gentlemen of wealth and position who inhabit the same part of the town. Among those who intend doing so we may mention Mr. Tapidass Varidass. The two gentlemen named—Mr. Bhugwandass Purshotumdass and Mr. Tapidass Varidass—have not only, we believe, set a loyal example, which the European and native merchants ought to follow, but have used their influence to induce others to do so also.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES TO BE OBSERVED IN CARRYING OUT RELIEF WORKS.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 26th December 1876.

Read again Government Resolution No. 206 C. W.—360, dated 21st November 1876.

Resolution.—It is understood that full effect has not yet been given to the orders contained in para. 7 of the above Resolution regarding the classification of people requiring relief. This is probably, in some measure due to there being but few large works under execution by the Public Works Department, and to the difficulty of organizing arrangements when a number of works have suddenly to be commenced.

2. Works on a considerable scale have recently been sanctioned, and others are in contemplation, and it is essential that all able-bodied men, women, and children should be separated from those who may be physically unable to perform a full day's labour, and drafted to such works for employment in a systematic manner under the officers of the Public Works Department.

3. It is difficult for Government to define more precisely than they have done in para. 7 of the Resolution under review, what persons should form classes 1 and 2. The object to be attained is, however, clearly indicated, and collectors and executive engineers, in consultation, must be left to apply the principle of the arrangement in a careful and intelligent manner, bearing in mind that what Government desire is, that all persons who are capable of doing a full day's work, according to their sex or age, should form class 1, and should always, when possible, be employed upon works under the Public Works Department.

4. Children under 7 years of age, whose parents are on relief works, should not be employed at all. They should be dealt with, when necessary, as belonging to the 4th class; and to give effect to this arrangement. Collectors and executive engineers are authorised to keep distinct muster rolls of such children, and to pay to each of them, or to their parents, a daily sum of ½ of an anna. The expenditure on this account should be kept quite distinct, and should be adjusted against such grants as may be made, from time to time, under the head of Charitable Relief.

5. These children should be tended at some little distance from the actual site of the work by a sufficient number of women, who may be mustered on the same rolls, and they should, on no account, be permitted to run about among the work people.

6. Returns of the number of children and women, respectively, who, under these orders, may be mustered and paid, should be rendered weekly with the Progress Report of the work, [illegible] with Circular Memorandum No. 130 F., of 9th December 1876.

C. G. W. MACPHERSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

GAME PROTECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I write from the heart of the jungles in the Dharwar districts, for the purpose of asking whether it be not possible for the powers that be to afford us poor deer, more protection than is accorded to us at present. I have long been thinking on this subject, and knowing of the paternal interest that Government takes in everyone and everything, throughout the whole length and breadth of this vast country, I have come to the conclusion that they cannot be aware of the amount of persecution we are subjected to, and, therefore, for my own sake and that of my friends, I have taken the trouble to have the tip of one of my horns fashioned into a pen, in order that I might indite this epistle to you on the subject, and try to make it more generally known than it is.

Scattered throughout the jungles are numerous pools which contain the water that we seek for in the early part of the night, and on the edge of these pools, without one single exception, will be found one or two or more of what are called "Marrases" (or in the singular "Marras.") These are holes dug in the ground, in which men sit, and from which they shoot us when we come to drink, so cunningly contrived and hidden that it is almost impossible for us, sharp as we generally are, to find them out, until some gun belches forth its contents and thus reveals the ambuscade. Now, what we want is that some law may be passed, prohibiting any one from sitting up over water at night to shoot at us, and some such law with a very heavy penalty attached must be passed, else there will soon be no more deer left in the country. Without water we cannot live, and so we are forced to seek it, knowing full well that so sure as we approach it to drink, so sure are we before we leave it, to lose one of our number dying, shot by some one who has been lying in wait for us inside a "Marras." Numbers of us thus die nightly for, as I have said above, there is a "Marras" on the edge of each tank, and almost nightly does some one lie in wait inside it.

It is very seldom that European sportsmen shoot at us in this way, but every native who carries a gun has done it once or twice, or more times in his lifetime. European sportsmen almost always seek us in a fair way by stalking and this we do not at all object to, for we are then at least on an equal, if not a better footing, than they are. If it does happen that one of us get shot by a man who is stalking us, why, then, we say "what a fool he must have been to let the man get so close to him." In stalking, our wit and sharpness are pitted against those of the human being, and I think it will be generally allowed that we get the best of it at most times. Dear, Mr. Editor, do take up our cause and fight for us; get the Legislature of this country to pass an Act for us giving us more protection than we get at present, and you will be conferring for ever a benefit on the whole of the deer race, amongst which is numbered your humble petitioner.

24th December. STAG CHESTAL.

INDIAN NEWS-LETTERS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

SECUNDERABAD, 26TH DEC.

THE 1st of January will not, after all, be allowed to slip by quietly here. At half-past eight in the morning a Darbar will be held at the Residency by Major Euan Smith, the First Assistant Resident, when the Proclamation announcing the assumption by Her Majesty of the Imperial addition to Her titles, will be read. To this Darbar the Nabob Mookrum-ool-Dowlah, at present acting for His Excellency Sir Salar Jung as Prime Minister, and other nobles of Hyderabad as well as the military officers from Secundarabad have been invited. In the afternoon there is to be a grand review of troops in Secunderabad, when before the civil and military officers present the Proclamation will again be read, and a Royal salute of 101 guns fired. Grand preparations are being made for a Ball to be given by the Nizam's Government to the officers in Secunderabad. It is to take place in the Assembly Rooms, and I am told three-hundred and fifty guests have been invited. At the last Municipality meeting it was resolved to celebrate the occasion by a general illumination, and a pyrotechnic display, for which the sum of Rs. 2,500 has been sanctioned. I believe part of this amount is to be spent in feeding the poor in Secunderabad.

There are a couple of rumours afloat which are perhaps based on no foundation. One refers to the likelihood of Sir Richard Meade not returning to Hyderabad, but being transferred to some other post—perhaps on the Frontiers. This, it appears to me, is exceedingly improbable, for when the Government of India applied to the Secretary of State for the extension of Sir Richard's attaining to Colonel's allowances, to be permitted to retain his services for five years, it was on the plea of his presence being urgently required at Hyderabad. I cannot but think, therefore, that Sir Richard's career in India will close as Resident of Hyderabad. The other rumour, a reference to which has, I see, already been made in the *Bombay Gazette*, is about the intended return of Berars by the Government of India to the Nizam on the 1st of January. It is more than a rumour in Hyderabad, it is, in fact, generally believed by the people that the return of the Berar is soon to be an accomplished fact. You have already commented on the likelihood of this taking place so it would be needless to say anything further.

BHOSAWUL, 28TH DEC.

THE special train of His Excellency the Honorable Sir Philip E. Wodehouse, K.C.B., G.C.S.I., the Governor of the Presidency of Bombay and H. E.'s personal staff arrived at this station at 11 o'clock this morning. There was neither guard of honour present here, nor was the railway station decorated. In fact, none of the Government officials here was informed of the Governor's special train. After the Governor had taken tiffin the special left this for Jubbulpore *en route* to Delhi at midday, accompanied by Mr. G. W. F. Swarbrick, the Locomotive Superintendent at Bhosawul.

It is reported that the Inspector of the Educational Department in Khandeish proposes now to abolish the Mahrattee night schools, which have [illegible] repeated applications of the [illegible]78, been established in several talookas of this di[illegible] from a long time past. It is to be hoped that [illegible] K. M. Chatfield, B.A., the Director of Public Instruction, Bombay, will withhold giving his sanction to the Inspector's proposal, and [illegible] in the schools for the use of the native cultivators.

Mr. C. E. G. Crawford, C.S., the Railway Manager of this line, who arrived here from the Camp of Deolalee on Saturday to try the railway races, is, I regret to state, suffering from malarious fever. He is in the bungalow of Mr. K. Rao, the Resident Engineer, and under the medical treatment of Dr. M. W. Gardner, the Railway Surgeon. The native clerk who was charged with an assault has, I am told, tendered his ample apology to the shunting master, Vishnoo Luxuman, and got off. Our Parsee inspector of the Railway Police is to be shortly relieved by another Parsee from Surat. The appointment of the latter officer at Bhosawul is said to have been sanctioned long ago.

His Excellency Jose Taveres De Almeida, Governor General of Portuguese Settlements in India, accompanied by H.E.'s Private and Military Secretaries and Aide-de-Camp, passed through this junction station in a special carriage which was attached to the down Jubbulpore mail train yesterday. His Excellency proceeded to Delhi to attend the Imperial Assemblage on the 1st proximo.

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TELEGRAMS FOR MBAY GAZETTE.

NS OF, AND VISITS NATIVE CHIEFS.

SEMBLAGE, 29TH DEC., 5-30 P.M.
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PS DRESS TO EACH R THEIEFS.

7-27 P. M.
ssage, the Chiefs who visit- s, made a short and formal gi- to the effect that the gift came herself, and his Lordship ex- hat whenever it was unfurled, it ion of the friendly interest taken ely in himself personally and in of his house, and at the same time ations to the Paramount Power. will receive the members of es who are present in Delhi

Y AND THE KHAN OF KHELAT.

9-45 P. M.
esents made by the Viceroy to lat this morning, were a dia- which His Excellency fastened *aigrette* and a sword which he Khan's waist, with the ex- ope that it would never be gainst enemies of the British the Khan promptly replied that the British Government should and its enemies his enemies. who accompanied the Khan also mber of presents, and to one who been appointed guardian of peace Pass, the Viceroy expressed a hope d perform the duty effectively.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

ONS, PRESENTS AND DIGNI- NFERRED BY THE VICEROY E CHIEFS.

BLAGE, 29TH DEC., 4-10 P.M.
ree days the following nferred by the Viceroy ceived gorgeous banners dered in gold, silver, o g ld medals, both com- Queen's assumption of the title medals were also presented to e following have been made Empress:—The Maharao of Jheend, the Maharajas of Jey- nd Seindia. The latter two were the British Army. Salutes given of Bahampore, nine; Thakore ey, eleven; Nawab of Tonk's tored, seventeen. The follow- ecrease of two guns:—Maha- dpore, Kissengurh, Cash- Rewah, Maharao of Oodey- nd, Nabha, Rutlam, Nawabs ler Kotla, Jam of Nowanuggur, Sahib of Bhownuggur. It is veral Chiefs have also received or promotion in the Order of the

E, RECEPTIONS AND TERN VISITS.

9-26 P. M.
the Viceroy entertained the Lieut. engal, with a distinguished com- . The Viceroy afterwards held a , at which there was a great crush; o thousand presentations were y three hours were occupied in To-day from ten till one the ved visits from the following Khan of Khelat, the Maharaja of the Sirdar Kulsia, the Nawabs , and Dojana, the seven Chiefs and Nobles, the six Petty Chiefs and the Princess Tarjore. The usual guards of honour paraded, and the usual salutes were fired. From ther five o'clock the Viceroy returned to the following Princes and Chiefs:—The Gaekwar of Baroda, the Maharaja of Mysore, the Khan of Khelat, the Maharaja of Benares, H.H. Meer Ali Murad of Khairpur, the Nawab of Joonagurh, the Jam of Nowanuggur, the Thakore Sahib of Bhownuggur and the Raja of Rajpeepla. Visits continue daily; the Volunteer Guard is in good health, excepting a few colds.

RRIVAL OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS AT DELHI.

5 55 P.M.
The Duke of Buckingham arrived by special train at 4 o'clock this afternoon accompanied by his three Ladies Grenville and Mr. Secretary Grant. A considerable number of officials and others received His Grace at the station with the usual guard of honour and salute.

LONDON, 28TH DEC., ART.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed active.

The London Cotton Market has been steady.

The Bullion Market has been active

Bar Gold ..... 5 5/16d.

Quotations in India ..... 1-9½ to ¼.

Gold Mohur, Rupee Paper..... 89.

" ..... 89½.

" ..... 91½.

Consols for account .... 93⅜.

French Rente 1872 ....105.

" 56½

Bank returns for the week ending results:—

Circulation ....Dec. £687,500

Deposits ....Inc. £437,500

Coin ....Dec. £375,000

Liabilities, 49⅞.

DECEMBER

ish line interrupted

A Army correspondent states con- the Report of the Royal Commis- Promotion and Retirement will be opted by the Government in its original shape- ths minus the 1st of July next as the probable date on which this important measure of mili- y legislation will come into effect.

We have received a copy of the *Indian Charitable Famine Fund Annual and Almanac*. It is a very interesting work and reflects great credit to its compilers. The [illegible] has been sent by post and be so carefully packed as not the least injury has been done to the leaves or cover. We give in another column the prize poem, the merits of which our readers may judge for themselves. The poem is illustrated, and so is the prize tale by Mr. Bailey, which is reported to be exceedingly well done. The book is profusely illustrated and the pictures in all respects to fulfil the promises made by the colour when he proposed to produce it as a chromo. We can only advise the public to purchase a copy for reading during the pre- sent holidays.

THE *Englishman* complains that Calcutta is being treated with a marked want of consideration by the Government of India in the matter of its durbar. The feeling is strong among the European community—official as well as non-official—that the Viceroy should have deputed one of the members of his Council, or some other high official directly connected with the Supreme Government, to preside at the Calcutta durbar. There is said to be friction between officials in connection with the existing arrangement; and even that is unfortunate when it could so easily have been avoided. Sir Richard Temple has, we believe, done what he could, but the feeling is that the matter ought not to have been handed over to him at all, if the Government of India had cared to make the durbar at Calcutta worthy of the capital of India. We see that native feeling is even more pronounced on this subject than that of Europeans. The *Hindoo Patriot*, indeed, says the neglect of the capital has quite chilled the loyalty of the native community. This is a matter, adds the *Englishman*, about which we are surprised that Lord Lytton should have made so great a mistake.

THE following intensely interesting paragraph of news is taken from the London letter (dated Dec 1) of the Allahabad paper:—

As poor Lady Dudley has no jewels worth speaking of (they are valued at about a paltry £2000,000) her lord and master has determined she should have something of which the world might talk and be anxious. About two years ago you will remember she was robbed of about £20,000 worth at the Paddington station, she having entrusted her jewels case to the custody of her maid who laid it on the pavement as if it had contained a dozen pair of her mistress's stockings, or any article of similar value. It was a very mysterious robbery, because the police were utterly at fault, and not a single stone has ever been recovered. Lord Dudley did not hesitate to make offers to the thieves through, I believe, some leading members of the profession, that he would give them a very handsome sum, and say nothing more about it if they would return them. But even this wonderful proposition from an English peer to compound a felony led to no result. It was then His Lordship determined that his Countess should have something else to wear in lieu of what she had lost. Her forthwith gave a commission to Hancocks', which that eminent firm has for the last two years been diligently occupied in executing. I met one of the partners the other day, and he told me that I would favour them with a call, he believed he could show me something, and accordingly last Monday I went, and saw the most magnificent diamonds I think I ever looked on. Lord Dudley's commission was carte blanche for a collar of diamonds, not a necklace as we generally understand the word,—and Europe and Asia have been ransacked to make this collar. It is not so much the size of the stones, though the centre one is large, but their exce-sive brilliancy and the way they match. Their lustre was most extraordinary, and I could well fancy how they would look on such a woman as Lady Dudley, who is not only beautiful, but like Maud, "tall and stately," and with a neck wondrous fair. The noble Earl and the Hancocks have between them certainly "done it" this time, and when I tell you the cost of the collar you will perhaps agree with me,—it is £27,000.

THE *Indian Daily News* publishes the following account of a strange affair at Calcutta:—"What may yet prove a very serious affair occurred at the Government Salt Golahs between four and five o'clock last Sunday evening. It appears that the Golah Superintendent has given strict orders that the different roads running through the premises are not to be used as public thoroughfares to the vessels moored off the Golahs, and that on one or two of the guards endeavouring to enforce these orders against three drunken seamen belonging to the ship Canon Harrison, the latter resisted so violently as to necessitate the calling out of the whole of the Golah guards, numbering between twenty and thirty-men. Emboldened by their numerical strength the guards, it seems, commenced to handle the seamen rather roughly, but in spite of their being so greatly outnumbered the latter fought their way to the Golah Ghat and opposite their ship, the Canon Harrison. It was whilst this unequal contest was going on in sight of the seamen's shipmates on board, and doubtless with the object of putting a stop to it, that three shots were fired in rapid succession at the mob from the stern of the Canon Harrison, one of which brought down a guard, the ball, as it afterwards proved to be, having entered the man's throat. The police were soon upon the spot, but as it was apprehended from the movements of those on board that they meditated holding the vessel against all hostile comers, Mr. Thompson, the Superintendent of the Golahs, went on board first and smoothed the way for the arrests which were quietly made about [illegible] Inspector Samuels under the orders of Mr. Riley, District Superintendent of the Bengal Police, an Inspector of the River Police being in attendance alongside to render assistance if necessary. The injured man was taken to the Howrah Hospital, and as the House Surgeon considered his condition about midnight to be very dangerous, the Magistrate attended and took down his dying deposition. The chief officer and three seamen were first arrested, but there being no evidence to warrant the detention of the latter, they were released the following morning. The pistol from which the shots were fired was found on board and a large flattened bullet has been picked up near one of the Golahs."

1876.

On the midnight wind is borne,
The cry of a heart forlorn,
A dying moan,
With vain regretful sighs,
The weary old year dies,
All, all alone.

No loving one is nigh
The cold death-dews to dry,
His hand to clasp,
To bend an anxious ear,
That waits, yet dreads to hear,
His dying gasp.

In dirges soft and low,
The dreary night winds blow
His funeral sung,
Like a lone mother's sigh,
Swells their sad lullaby,
The whole night long.

From the tall ghostly trees,
The brown and crumpled leaves,
Drop drearily,
While from the murky skies,
Watch pure bright Angel eyes
Unwearily.

Alone, alone he dies;
Poor, sad old year, his eyes
Shed bitter tears;
He weeps to leave the earth,
With all its woe and mirth,
Its hopes and fears.

He came, a fair bright child,
All on him loving smil'd
To welcome him.
He goes, bow'd down and grey,
From the sad earth away,
None mourning him.

He came with garlands fair,
Of hope twined mid his hair,
And love-lit eye.
He goes with wreathe of rue
And blood stain'd robes into
Eternity.

Loudly the old Church tower
Peals forth the midnight hour,
He bows his head.
His pilgrimage is past,
And rest has come at last!
The old year's dead.

ST. E.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

Statement of Traffic for the week ending 23rd December, 1876.

	Open 1,278¾ Miles. Rs.	a.	p.
Coaching	1,29,474	12	0
Merchandize	5,09,792	1	0
Telegraph, Sundries	1,066	0	0
Municipal Trains	417	8	0
Total Rs.	6,40,733	5	0
Corresponding Week last year open 1278¾ Miles ..... Total Rs.	4,26,854	11	8
Increase	2,13,926	9	7

BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

Statement of Traffic, for week ending 23rd December, 1876.

	Open, 420 Miles. Rs.	a.	p.
Coaching	45,595	0	0
Merchandize	96,382	0	0
Other Receipts	215	0	0
Telegraph	589	0	0
Total Rs.	1,43,071	0	0
Corresponding week in December 1875. Open, 420¼ Miles.	Rs.	a.	p.
Coaching	74,821	0	0
Merchandize	70,988	0	0
Other Receipts	227	0	0
Telegraph	449	0	0
Total Rs.	1,47,180	0	0
Decrease Rs.	4,109	0	0

CONVULSIONS IN TEETHING.—None but anxious Mothers know the worry of "Teething Time," and the nursery has no more innocent help than Mrs. Johnson's Soothing Syrup, which, applied to the infant's Gums, relieves the pain and prevents convulsions. Free from any Narcotic. None genuine without the name of "Barclay & Sons, Farringdon street, London," is on the stamp. Sold by all Chemists, at 2s. 9d. a bottle.—Agents TREACHER & Co., Bombay.

THE GREAT FIRE IN BOMBAY IN 1803.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The great fire in Bombay to which "Keswal" alludes, is probably the one which broke out on the 19th February 1803. I shall be happy to send "Keswal" a copy of the account of it given in the Asiatic Annual Register for that year, if he pleases.—Yours, &c.,

B. B. R. A. S., Town Hall, 29th Dec. O. C.

THE BOMBAY FERRIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I should be inclined to sympathise more with Mr. J. A. Shepherd if his harbour ferry service were conducted, with greater regard for the convenience of the passengers who are compelled to make use of it.

For instance, the Dhurrumtur ferry boat which is timed to leave the Reewas Bunder, on its return journey from 4 to half past, is often a couple of hours late. Thus, on Wednesday it reached Reewas at ½ past 7 and on Thursday at 6, while a short time since I nearly missed it by arriving at the bunder at ½ past 4!

It is nonsense to attribute these variations of time to the state of the tide, because we all know that steamers of this class should be independent of tidal influences, but even were it so, it seems to me easy enough to arrange a time table which might be printed and fixed to each station, showing the hours at which the boats will arrive, and then passengers could arrange to meet them, instead of being obliged to wait two or three hours at a place like Reewas, where there is not even a chair to sit upon, or a waiting room for shelter. I am informed that the Alibagh steamer keeps no better time with the public than do the Dhurrumtur boats.

I think, however, that Mr. Shepherd has no contract now with Government and is, therefore, quite independent of all control. The ferry service is, in fact, a farce, and speaks as badly for the Government that permits such a state of things, as for the contractors who laugh at the complaints of their passengers, and break faith with them in every particular. While on this subject, I should like to know why the Reewas Bunder is allowed to go to ruin; the steamers never touch at it now, and the landing and embarking are entirely effected by dingies, causing considerable inconvenience to passengers. The Government [illegible] too, I [illegible] was and Alibagh is in execrable condition, and, if I am rightly informed, this is owing to the Ferry contract, as formerly this road was kept in capital order out of funds collected from native ferry boats, which have been compelled to give way to steamers—the said steamers, owing to mismanagement, being a source of trouble and loss to all, except their owners, instead of what they might be, a great convenience and an immense boon to everybody.

VOX POPULI.

Bombay, 29th December.

BOMBAY.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.—The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pinhey presides at a regular sitting of the Insolvent Debtors' Court on the 3rd January next, for the disposal of urgent business only.

CRICKET.—The eleven of Her Majesty's Royal Navy, now stationed in Bombay harbour, are to play a match at cricket with the eleven of the "Parsee Cricket Club" to-day on the General Parade Ground. Play will commence at 8 in the morning.

VAGRANTS.—Michael Sweeney and John Colley, two Europeans, were yesterday charged before Mr. Nana Morojee, at the Fort Police Court, by Inspector Sweeney, with being vagrants and having no visible means of subsistence. His Worship directed them to be sent to the Government Workhouse.

THEFT.—A Hindoo of low caste, named Rajaram Sucaram, was sent to jail for three weeks with hard labour, by Mr. Nana Morojee, yesterday. He having been charged with, and found guilty of, having stolen a quantity of rice and cocoanuts from the railway compound at Boree Bunder.

CATHEDRAL OF N. S. DE GLORIA.—His Grace the Archbishop of Goa, who holds jurisdiction over this Church, has been pleased to appoint the Revd Father Athaide Vicar in the room of the Revd Father Pinto, lately deceased. At 10 a. m. on the 1st proximo the newly appointed gentleman takes official charge. After this ceremony a solemn High Mass (Mozart's No. XII) and *Te Deum* will be sung in commemoration of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria assuming the title of Empress of India.

THE EDITORS' CAMP AT DELHI.—A correspondent of the *Jame-Jamshed* has the following:—There is formed a camp at Delhi composed of the editors and representatives of the principal English and vernacular papers of India. At present there are in the camp the representatives of 11 English newspapers, including the [illegible] and the [illegible] Times. Calcutta Press has sent four representatives, and that of Madras only one. The *Civil and Military Gazette* and *Indian Public Opinion* have sent their reporters only. From the vernacular press of Bombay, the *Jame-Jamshed*, the *Bombay Samachar* and the *Rast Goftar* have sent their editors to represent them; and so have the Mahrattes papers the *Pakhakar* and the *Hindu Prakash*. The *Native Opinion*, published at Bombay in English and Mahrattee, had received an invitation, but is not represented at the camp. From Calcutta, the representatives of the native journals, the *Indian Mirror*, the *Amrita Bazaar Patrika*, and the *Patriot* are present together with the editors of the *Dacca News* and other Bengalee papers. A small library has been opened in the Editors' Camp, where the rank and talent of Indian journalism meet on a footing of equality for the time being.

THE LATE ATTEMPT AT POISONING A FAMILY AT KURRACHEE.—Now that the report of the Government Chemical Analyser on the matter ejected by Mr. Twells and his family has been received, and establishes the fact of arsenic and mercury being the principal ingredients used in the poisonous adulteration of the food, we trust no time will be lost in sending the case before the City Magistrate. It is to be hoped no underhand proceedings will be allowed to interfere with the ends of Justice. Grave suspicions are attached to certain individuals, and it is the bounden duty of the Police to arrive at the truth, and to set all suspicions at rest. A dastardly attempt was made on the lives of innocent and inoffensive people; the cowardly miscreants implicated in the deed must be brought to Justice.—*Sind News*, Dec 25.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE STRANGERS' HOME.

A CORRESPONDENT, "One of Them," sends us the following account of the dinner on Christmas Day at the Strangers' Home:—

Father Christmas, unless he were a surly old curmudgeon—which he certainly is not—could not complain of the reception in the Strangers' Home, one of the most powerful instruments in the hands of charity that Bombay is honoured with. If all those whose purses gave birth to the festivities could have been there to behold the hearty pleasure upon the faces of the forty inmates who sat at table, they would, without a doubt have felt doubly repaid by the approval of their own hearts. The walls and roofs were decorated with the fanciful genius that is always to be found in a [illegible] congregation such as the Home contains. Such a contrast was there between the topsy-turviness of the place on Christmas Eve and its gay and delightful appearance on Christmas Day, that one might well have excused the warmth of the famous Irish officer when he sang:—

"Had you seen these roads before they were made,
You'd have lifted up your eyes and blessed General Wade."

The devices were appropriate and well-hung, the Committee and the Strangers' Friends coming in for a share of the wording. The table was a sight, worth travelling a summer's day to see, so wealthy was it with barons of beef, saddles and legs of mutton, savoury sucking-pigs, and out-riding dishes of vegetables. Nor was King Bacchus, who is first-cousin to King Christmas forgotten, though he did not receive an excess of honour. Near the head of the table, was a well executed figure of Father Christmas in wax, resplendent with gilding and colour, glorious with an enormous paunch, and suffering from a gouty leg, resting upon a stool. The pleasures of the table being too well known for comment, they shall not be commented upon, and it shall only be said that the company were very industrious and gave their knives and forks full employment. At nearly the close, the worthy Superintendent proposed the health of the Queen (Empress is too newly born for the traditional honour), the Friends of the Institution, and the energetic Secretary, Colonel Disbrow, whose absence at Delhi was regretfully spoken of, each toast was honoured with three hearty resounding cheers, which were none the less hearty and resounding when the President stood up and proposed the health of the Superintendent, Mr. McCarthy, and his wife and family. Rich hills of pudding now made their appearance, and were soon greatly shorn of their symmetrical proportions; and the men, with a last glass of ale, to make the process of digestion more smooth and easy, rose from the table and dispersed to their rooms, quietly and orderly; and thus ended the Christmas Dinner in the Strangers' Home!

PRICES OF GRAIN AT KOOMPTA, NORTH KANARA—COLLECTORATE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.

The seers are of 160 tolas (rupees.)

	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	
Jowaree from	5 12	to 6 0	for 16 seers.
Rice "	3 14	4 0	for 24 "
Ragi "	3 0	....	for 24 "

THE COLLISION OFF VINGORLA OF THE S. S. AMBASSADOR AND THE SHIP G. F. MANSON.

THE fatal collision between the s. s. Ambassador and the ship G. F. Manson, a brief account of which has already appeared in our columns, and which occurred off the Vingorla coast, took place, we learn, at 5 o'clock on Christmas morning. The steamer Ambassador was out through, at about fifty feet from the stern, and immediately began to sink. The chief officer was in charge of the deck at the time. Nearly all the crew succeeded in getting into the boats, but they would not leave the ill-fated vessel's side until it was too late, although repeatedly told to do so by the captain. When the vessel sunk they were drawn down in the vortex, three only of those in the boat escaping. Of all on board the steamer, 23 were drowned and 20 only, including the captain, escaped. The G. F. Manson returned into the harbour this morning badly injured. We give below the captain's account of the disaster.

REPORT OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE G. F. MANSON.

C. R. Humphrey, master of the ship Geo. F. Manson, has forwarded the undermentioned report of the collision of his vessel with the s. s. Ambassador on the 25th instant, to Captain Searle, the Master Attendant of this port. The ship George F Manson took her departure from Bombay harbour on the 23rd. inst. (P.M.) bound to Diamond Island. All went well with her up to between 4 and 5 o'clock A. M. of the 25th, being then by reckoning in Lat. 15°05 N., Long 73°27 E, when two lights were seen bearing about two points off our port or weather-bow. Judged one or one half to two miles distant; westherat the time quite clear, wind light, east by ship heading south, south-east by the wind, making about 4 miles per hour. We soon saw that the lights were shown from a screw steamer bound northward. The closest attention was given to the movements of the steamer. All appeared to be well until she got quite near the ship when she changed her course to go ahead, or across the ship's bows. As soon as it was seen that the steamer was crossing the ship bows, our wheel was put hard down. The vessels being then nearer to each other, the ship had barely time to feel the effect of the change of the position of her rudder, before she was in collision with the steamer, striking [illegible] on the starboard quarter or about 50ft. from her extreme afterpart, crushing it in, causing the steamer to sink in some 10 or 15 minutes. The ship had her jibboom broken, her cut-water displaced; badly cut, and broken bows; badly crushed, broken and chafed. As soon as the two vessels separated, the ship's quarter boats were put outand sent to the rescue of the steamer's people. Soon after our boats left the ship a boat of the steamer's came alongside of the ship, having nine of her people on board. Shortly after one of our boats returned to the ship, having eleven of the steamer's people on board. As soon as the people could be got out of these boats, they were again sent away to search for others of the steamer's crew. We then trimmed our sails and proceeded to the place where the steamer sank, so near as we could judge, keeping the closest look-out, in the hope to see and rescue more of the people. None could be seen by us on board nor by my people in the boats. As three hours had now elapsed since the steamer sank, we felt quite certain further search would be useless. With aching hearts, we took our boats on board the ship and stood on our course for Bombay, when our attention was given to the condition of the ship to secure her safety, she making water quite freely. By trimming some of the ballast from the forward to the afterpart of the ship, thereby raising the ship forward, taking more of the shattered and broken part out of the water, and covering it with a tarpaulin, we reduced her leak considerably—so much so that we could easily keep her free with our pumps. By the mercy of God towards us, we were permitted to arrive in this harbour on the evening of the 28th instant, after an absence of five days, three of which have been days of sorrow and sadness to all on board. Herewith is a list of the names of the people who sailed in the steamer Ambassador from Calcutta as given me by Captain Williamson, master of the said steamer.

C. R. HUMPHREY,
Master of the ship G. F. Manson.

REPORT OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE S. S. AMBASSADOR.

Report of Captain R. R. Williamson, of the late s. s. Ambassador, of Liverpool, official No. 65 975, 1,268 tons register, and classed 18 years in the Liverpool Underwriters' Registry, with a crew of 43 men, all told. The master, mate, 2nd mate and 1st and 2nd engineers had all the usual certificates of competency. The Ambassador was loaded at Calcutta with a cargo of rice and gunnies, and left for Bombay on Friday, the 15th December at 11 A.M., the tide being flood, the weather fine and clear, and the wind northerly. We cleared the Sandheads on the 17th. On the 25th December at 4-50 A.M. the weather being fine, the atmosphere rather hazy and the wind moderate at about east north-east, the steamer collided with the ship George F Manson, of Bath, U. S. A., in latitude 15° 6' north and longitude 73°27' east, the vessel being in about 35 fathoms of water and about 20 to 30 miles west of Cape Ramas. The steamer had the following fore and aft canvas set, viz.: jib, forestaysail and foretrysail. The steamer was struck on her starboard side at the front of the [illegible] the front of the poop, starboard side, was completely smashed in. We immediately commenced to clear away the boats, and the starboard and port [illegible] were both got into the water, and 7 or 8 men got into each within five minutes of the collision. The rest of the crew commenced to clear away the port No. 2 boat on the bridge, and while they were doing this, the steamer went suddenly down, stem first, and all those not already in the two boats made a rush to the starboard boat which was afloat, but this boat was capsized or sunked in with the sinking vessel, and all hands had to struggle in the water for their lives. The port boat, with mostly engine room crew in her, and only one sailor, picked up the captain and one fireman and then made for the G. F. Manson. The nine people were taken on board the ship, and this boat was then manned by the G. F. Manson's crew; one of the G. F Manson's boats was also lowered and went to save life, and they picked up the chief mate and 10 others of the steamer's crew. This made 20 of the crew saved, and the remaining 23 were lost. The boats cruized round for some time, and every effort was made to save life, but no further signs of the missing crew could be seen. The steamer and her cargo were entirely lost. Only one boat of the steamer was saved, another boat was towed alongside the G. F. Manson, but as her bows were altogether stove in, she was abandoned. It was the chief mate's watch on deck, and five minutes after the vessel was first seen, she struck the steamer on the starboard side with her cut-water. After getting on board the G. F. Manson found her bows and cut-water much damaged. All hands that were saved setto work—to trim ship by the stern and they pumped the vessel from the date of collision until arrival in Bombay. The captain and crew of the S. F. Manson made us very comfortable on board as far as they could. The helmsmen at the time of the accident were Matthew Sweeny and Adolph Willintz, both quartermasters. Sweeny was at the starboard side of the wheel steering, and he was saved; Willintz was at the port side, and he was lost.

The following is the particulars of men saved and drowned:—

SAVED.

William Carter, Chief Officer.	Geo. Smith' A. B.
John Lowry, Chief Engineer.	Mathew Sweeney, A. B.
James Torrie 2nd Engineer.	William Connell, A. B.
Robert Williams, 3rd Engineer.	Andrew Lovegren, A. B.
Thomas Rosney, 4th Engineer.	William Delaney, Fireman.
Edward Kirkham, A. B.	Geo. Beagles, Fireman.
Henry Andrews, A. B.	John Rogers, Fireman.
Samuel Andrews, A. B.	Patrick Regan, Fireman.
William Kelly, A. B.	Fred. Singleton, Mess Room Boy.
	John Robert, Stowaway Boy.
	R.R. Williams, Commander.

DROWNED.

Harry Bryan, 2nd Officer.	James Pattison, A. B.
Thos. Johnson, 3rd Officer.	William Osborne, A. B.
R. N. Marshall, Chief Steward.	Adolph Willintz, A. B.
Jamin Cann, 2nd Steward, Native of Calcutta.	Geo. Thomas, A. B.
William Evans, Carpenter.	William Porter, Fireman.
John Howard, Boatswain.	Geo. Price, "
Samuel Ells, Lamptrimmer.	John O Heard, "
Ed. Huther, Cook.	Thos. Miles, "
Thos. Evans, 2nd Cook.	James Armstrong, "
H. Bentley, A. B.	J. Phylan, "
John Clague, A. B.	Cairns, "
	Cornwell, "

Doubtful of the two last men.

DIVINE SERVICES.

The annual New Year's Morning Service will be held in the Free Church, Esplanade, at eleven o'clock on Monday next, the first of January.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

PUBLIC SERVICE will be held at the following places during the coming week:—

Falkland Road Hall, Byculla; No 2, Dean Lane, Fort; and at Mazagon, on Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Monday, 7-30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 p.m. All persons are cordially invited.

TAYLOR BROTHERS' MARAVILLA COCOA.—Taylor Brothers, London, having the exclusive supply of this unrivalled Cocoa, invite comparison with any other Cocoa for Purity—fine Aroma—Sanative, Nutritive and Sustaining Power Onetrial will establish it as a favourite Beverage for Breakfast, Luncheon, and a Soothing Refreshment after a late evening. For favourable opinions *vide Standard, Morning Post, British Medical Journal, &c., &c.*

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THE DINNER TO THE EUROPEAN PENSIONERS.

We are glad to learn that the arrangements for giving a dinner to the European pensioners on Monday next are progressing very satisfactorily. We should add that the forthcoming dinner will be the only one that will be given to the pensioners; the dinner to a few of them that was given on Christmas day, at which the Revd. C. Gilder presided, is an annual affair; and Mr. Gilder has joined the Committee for the dinner on Proclamation Day, and is working cordially with Dr. Arnott to make it a complete success.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A EUROPEAN LAD.

YESTERDAY a Coroner's inquest was held at the European General Hospital on view of the body of William Sales, a boy about 8 years of age. Deceased went on the day previous to see the blasting operations near the Marine Street, where he was struck by a stone on the skull and expired the same day at the European General Hospital. The following evidence was adduced at the Coroner's inquest yesterday:—

Thomas Sales deposed—I am a watchmaker, at present out of employ and live at the Prince of Wales' Hotel in the Fort. Deceased was my son. His age was 8 years 8 months and 27 days. He lived with me. I last saw him alive and well at 6 a. m. yesterday; he was then in my bedroom. Shortly afterwards he left my room and I don't know where he went to. About 8-30 a. m. a servant came up to my room and called me. I followed him downstairs and saw the deceased supported in the arms of Mr. Lynch. He was unconscious and there was a wound behind the right ear from which blood was escaping. I was informed by Mr. Lynch that deceased had been struck by a stone from a blast in the new drain in Marine Street. Mr. Lynch brought deceased to the hospital in a buggy. I followed afterwards and saw deceased in this hospital. Deceased remained here until his death, which occurred about 6-15 p. m. yesterday.

Thomas Sales deposed—I am the brother of the deceased. My age is twelve years. I lived with my father and the deceased in the Prince of Wales' Hotel. About 6 a. m. yesterday deceased and I left the hotel to go and see the blasting that was going on in the new drain in Marine Street. I and deceased went and stood near the man who was holding a staff with a flag on it and I thought I was far away from the blasting. The blast was then and a stone came out and struck deceased on the head and knocked him down and he became insensible. The man who was bearing the flag was about two yards nearer to the blast than I and the deceased. Before the blast was fired the passers by were warned to get out of the way. I only heard one man shouting to the people to get out of the way. Several people who were passing by at the time came and stood about 3 yards behind me and the deceased. I only saw one stone rise up out of the drain when the blast was fired, and that was the stone that struck the deceased. This is the stone (pointing to it) which struck deceased. There is some hair on one of the sharp edges. This stone weighs about 10 lbs.

Mr. Mathew Lynch, clerk of the works in the employ of the Municipality, and at present in charge of the new drain, said that bamboo frames were placed over places where blasting was carried on, but the pieces of stone in question appeared to have been driven straight out under the frames. As soon as he was informed of the accident he went up to the deceased and took him over to the Prince of Wales' Hotel to his father, and from thence in a buggy to the European General Hospital.

Upon this, and the medical evidence adduced, the jury returned a verdict of "fracture of the skull, the result of having been accidentally struck by a stone from a blast."

AN IMPORTANT DECISION TO MONEY LENDERS.

GOOLBAI VS. CURSETJEE NUSSERWANJEE CAMA AND ANOTHER.

(Concluded from yesterday's "Bombay Gazette."

THE defendant Cursetjee admitted, somewhat reluctantly, as I have said, that presents are occasionally made amongst the Parsees on such events. The only other item I need refer to on this point is that of the sum of Rs. 1,000 on the 20th November 1852. She says: "I sold some of my ornaments, and deposited this sum to the credit of my account." Cursetjee says, "except what I see from the book I have no recollection from where it came. I never heard of her selling her ornaments. Had she sold them, I should have known of it." She was elaborately interrogated about these ornaments; but the cross-examination wholly failed to throw any discredit upon her statement. As to the statement of the defendant Cursetjee and that of the mehta, Pestonjee Dhunjeebhoy, that if she had sold any ornaments they would have known of it, I have only to say that although there is a remarkable coincidence in sentiment, it is simply idle. A woman who does such things to dispose of does not proclaim her movements to the wide world—in the highways and by-ways. She does what Goolbai did under her necessities, dispose of them secretly amongst her relatives and friends. Common sense, apart from positive evidence, assures me of this. I need not go further into these items, for, indeed, the truth of any one of these items which constitute the aggregate sum of [illegible] is virtually established. Add to all this in corroboration of her statement the pregnant fact that the representatives of her mother Sonabai have made no claim to this money as part of her estate; and remember Dhunjeebhoy, the brother of Cursetjee, was Sonabai's executor, and Cursetjee is his. Moreover, the defendant admits that Goolbai did make a claim upon Dhunjeebhoy for this very money. One remarkable circumstance, and I am done on this question of property. She says that she told her brother Cursetjee that the money was hers, and that she complained to him that it was standing in her mother's name. This he emphatically denied. Which assertion is more probable under the circumstances? Her's or his? Woman is pre-eminently the creature of home; man of the world: a woman's thoughts are concentrated, if not entirely, at least chiefly so on family matters, whilst man's thoughts are dissipated amidst the cares and anxieties of active life. And there are peculiar circumstances here, on both sides, to make this observation of still greater value. She [Goolbai] was in danger of being disinherited by her father. She was, in fact, deserted by here husband: whereas he [Cursetjee] was all the while engaged as a merchant, in little short of what might be, not inappropriately described as gigantic speculations. What cares and anxieties such engagements bring with them we need not dwell upon. They speak for themselves. Under these circumstances, it is much more probable that every little fact and every little circumstance affecting her own individual interests would be indelibly recorded on the tablets of her memory, while such things would make little or no impression on his mind: and simply because he had really and truly no beneficial interest whatever in the matter. And if his mother was of the same intellectual calibre as his sister Goolbai, he gave the best proof he could of it by his good sense by leaving the management of the whole affair to them. He had no motive to remember such things. She had a most powerful one. Without a motive an action is impossible, without an adequate motive an action is incredible. In arriving at this conclusion I do not, I pray, for one moment imagine, that I impute to her brother, Cursetjee, any moral offence in giving this emphatic denial to his sister's statement. The passions are often, with the most upright and the best intentioned of mankind, swayed on the side of self-interest. But I do own that I should have been much better pleased with this part of his testimony, if he had not been so positive: and had simply said, she may have told me so, but I have no recollection of it, or words to that effect. An answer in this tone and temper would have been more consistent with the rest of his testimony, and more consistent with his high-minded resolve and bearing as regards his father's will. I am satisfied that she did tell him so: and I am satisfied that he admitted to her that the signature at the foot of the balance of Rs. 2,871-1-6 in 1853-54 was in his handwriting. Having disposed of the right of property in the sum of Rs. 3,235-3-2, we come to the all-important entry in Exhibit A, of the 7th December 1854, and to the object and nature of the deposit. The words are these:—"The 7th December 1874. Particulars, you sent for Rs. 3,235 3 this day from Bhai Bomanjee Framjee Cama and Co.'s place in full settlement of the account, and have caused (the same) to be credited to your account. The condition thereof is as follows:—After your death, the money, together with whatever other money may be found due on this account (*i. e.*) the whole balance that may be found due after your life, is to be paid to Bai Goolbai, your daughter, after making an arrangement for her maintenance, her husband shall have no claim or right thereto as you have caused such conditions to be written down these particulars to the very same effect have been written for you in your book." The rest of the entry relates to interest, and it must be noted that the words *you* and *your*, throughout this entry, mean Sonabai; for the account is with her, and not with Goolbai. It will be observed that this entry is not signed by any one and that particulars to the very same effect have been written for Sonabai in her book. Now the bare reading of this entry, *per se* would, I think, lead any one of ordinary understanding to the conclusion that the sum mentioned in it was deposited in Cursetjee's hands for protection; for Sonabai's benefit during her life, and after her death for Goolbai's benefit. This, I say, is a fair inference that a simple inspection of the entry itself, without more, leads to. But when the entry is interpreted by or taken in connexion with the circumstances

distinction which, after all, is merely another indication of the fact that it is not the majority. In theory there may be no reason why a cardinal should receive any honours, which are not paid to a Protestant pastor. They are both office-bearers in a particular religious body recognized by the State. But the cardinal's rank in his own communion is accepted and respected by many millions of Frenchmen; and so long as this distinction marks him off from the ministers of other religions—those millions will continue to think it natural that the Government which represents them should pay the cardinal the same respect as they would themselves pay him. The religion of the majority of the people, especially if it be a religion that lends itself to external show, will be the religion of the State. To resent this, to complain that it is inconsistent with modern ideas, to argue that France has accepted the principles of 1789, and that the existence of a State religion is a defiance of these principles, is to subordinate facts to theories. Before the French Radicals can get rid of a State religion they must convert the nation to their views. If once this were done, the abolition of a State religion would come as a natural expression of the national temper. Until this change is effected the discussions which have been lately going on in the Chamber of Deputies will only encourage the notion that the Republic, if it gets its own way, intends to impose irreligion on the majority, just as in former centuries the Monarchy imposed religion on the minority. It is difficult to imagine a less profitable exercise of political ingenuity.

PICKINGS FROM "PUNCH."—DEC. 2.

TABLE-TURNING.—Looking for a train in Bradshaw.

The Thing to Throw Light on Spiritualistic Seances.—A spirit-lamp.

For Shipping Intelligence.—Do not apply to Her Majesty's Dockyards.

ATTRACTIONS FOR THE WEEK.

At the Aquarium—the Alligator.
At the Alexandra Palace—the Liquidator.

TURN ABOUT.

"Going into Partnership with Jones! I should have thought you'd had enough of partnerships after Brown!"

"Ah you see, when we first became partners, Brown had all the experience, and I all the money. *Now, Jones* has all the money, and I've all the experience."

"IF YOU WILL NOT WHEN YOU MAY."—Parson. "Now is it, Scrubb, that your comely daughters are still single?"

Rustic. "Well, Sir, you see there was a time when they would a ha' they, but they wouldn't ha' they. Now they would ha' they, but they won't ha' they!"

A GREAT LIBERTY.

Local Exquisite. "Who is that old person?"

Fair Informant. "Mr. Goodchild, M.P., for his county. 'Was in the Ministry some time ago."

Local Exquisite. "Why did he speak to me? We have never been introduced."

Fair Informant. "I think he took you for a farmer!"

SWEET SYMPATHY.

Scene—The Cloak Room. Enter Clara (at 17), conscious of having made the conquest of the evening, and expectant of a shower of congratulations and chaff.

Cousin (to Clara, 29). "*How I did feel* for you all the evening, you poor Dear! Isn't rabbit that dreadful young Fitzmadder to victimise you so!! Really *awful* the way that style of men think they may treat very young girls!!!"

KNOCKERS AND NONSENSE.

Miss Broughton, in her last novel (as it is to be her last?), Joan, has invented the idiotic lover who covers with kisses the door-knocker of the house in which his goddess dwells. If we are to have the work of this class inflicted upon us, we may expect a Romeo-lobbying over the door-plate of his Juliet, or washing the front door-steps with neat's-foot and a silk pocket-handkerchief, or attempting suicide on the scraper. No wonder that Mr. Gilbey does not wish his Mary to be mixed up—even in an advertising connection—with knock, whine and water.

THE [illegible] HOTEL.

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